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## Civilized sport

An age-old sport may just take UNO by storm if these three croquet players have their say. Concentrating on a tough shot are, from left, Chad Brown, Lee Millward and Joe Fogarty.

—Akiohshi Kizaki

## NSSA changes name; Peru State withdraws

By JOHN ROOD  
Senior Reporter

WAYNE, Neb. — Effective Jan. 1, UNO students will probably have a new group lobbying for them in Lincoln.

The NSSA is a lobbying group made up of students from UNO, Wayne State, and Chadron State. UN-L was a member until withdrawing from the group in March.

The Nebraska Student Interests Coalition/Nebraska State Student Association (NSIC/NSSA) will replace the Nebraska State Student Association (NSSA) because of constitutional revisions in the organization.

Because of these changes, the UNO Student Senate will have to approve the new constitution, Paul Hays, NSSA campus coordinator, said.

All of the members will receive free membership during the spring 1988 semester, according to a resolution passed in addition to the constitution.

In the past, students have paid 50 cents a semester to belong to NSSA. Because the group voted not to retain a professional lobbyist, it's possible that membership fees will not be charged. Tim Kerrigan, NSSA treasurer, said.

If fees are necessary, they must not exceed \$1,000, according to the resolution.

In addition to changes in the constitution, the assembly also favored a resolution to place the remaining NSSA money into a trust fund. The fund would contain about \$25,000, with the interest used to pay for administrative expenses.

Lobbying efforts will now be done entirely by students under the new resolution. Lobbying groups patterned after UN-L's Governmental Liaison Committee will be set up at schools that do not already have lobbying groups to facilitate the process.

NSSA members approved the changes in an attempt to bring UN-L, Peru State, and other four-year schools such as Kearney State and the Med Center into the group, NSSA Chairman Mike McMorro said.

UN-L and Kearney State sent representatives to the group as non-voting members. Those representatives made important contributions to the decision-making process, McMorro said.

The name change was necessary because of the negative image NSSA has in the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska

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## 'Extensive changes' to prevent wrongdoings

By TIM TRUDELL  
Staff Reporter

Computerized cash registers and not allowing other schools to participate on trips are among changes UNO officials are making in attempts to prevent a repeat of alleged Student Activities mismanagement.

Former manager of Student Activities Joel Zarr resigned late last month amid allegations he committed UNO to real-estate contracts that allowed him personal financial gain.

"We are no longer taking other schools on trips," said Al Karle, acting director of the Student Center.

In addition, the Student Activities Office is now using computerized cash registers to document students' deposits, Karle said.

"A student will fill out a form for the deposit," he said, "and the register will verify that deposit on the form."

Contracts will be negotiated and co-signed by the university's Business and Finance Office and himself, Karle said.

"Changes (in procedures) will be quite extensive," he said. "Nothing like that (the Zarr allegations) can happen again."

There will be other changes, Karle said, but he did not know exactly what they would be.

Karle said he has taken a role as an advisor with interim managers Les Cook and Amy Bellows, both employees of the Student Activities Office.

"I give Les and Amy advice when they need it," he said.

Cook, who has been with UNO since June, said he and Bellows are running the office "with a little more responsibility."

"We know what we're doing," Cook said. "We have procedures, and we're following them closely."

Bellows was attending a convention in Kansas City and was unavailable for comment.

"We are in the process of auditing the procedures there," said Richard Hoover, vice chan-

cellor of Educational and Student Services.

There are no immediate changes except for Karle's close involvement, Hoover said.

The Student Activities audit is only part of a complete audit of the Student Center, said Lynn Stephenson, manager of Operations Analysis.

The audit is in its early stages and will take 29 to 35 weeks to complete, he said.

No changes to the center's operations will be recommended until the audit is completed, Stephenson said.

The university is looking for Zarr's replacement, Hoover said. "The search started right after Zarr's resignation," he said.

A check with UNO's Personnel Office Friday revealed that the position has not yet been advertised.

A department with an opening "must send a personnel justification form to the (Personnel) Office," said a personnel representative.

Hoover said he "was not aware that it hadn't been advertised."

"I was under the impression that the position had been advertised since last month," Hoover said. "I knew there had been some miscommunication that prevented it from being advertised in the ACUI (Association of Colleges and Universities International) publication's October issue."

Don Skeahan (assistant vice chancellor of Student Enrollment Services) was responsible for getting the position advertised. I thought he had."

Skeahan was on vacation and was unavailable for comment.

The position cannot be advertised in any publication without the Personnel Office being notified first, the personnel representative said.

Robert Gibson, director of Career Placement Services, said he didn't know who was in charge of the search committee for Zarr's replacement.

Hoover said he thought Gibson was in charge.

## 22 percent place U.S. in Brazil

By TIM TRUDELL  
Staff Reporter

"Ignorance is not knowing your place," is the motto for UNO's observance of Geography Awareness Week, Nov. 15 to 21.

Charles Gildersleeve, chairman of UNO's geography-geology department, said Congress passed legislation establishing Geography Awareness Week to "heighten awareness" of people's knowledge or lack of knowledge of geography.

The declaration passed both Congressional chambers unanimously, Gildersleeve said.

Gildersleeve wrote letters to Gov. Kay Orr and members of the Legislature encouraging them to join with Congress in recognizing the observance. Orr issued a proclamation last week, he added.

A number of educators and government officials became aware that American students

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## Engineering tuition hike called 'Band-Aid fix'

By TIM KALDAHL  
Senior Reporter

The proposed 20 percent, one-time increase in tuition for engineering students is a "quick fix" to a much larger problem, said engineering student Kevin Propst.

"It's a Band-Aid fix over a huge problem," Propst said. Propst and Jay Barry, who represent the College of Engineering and Technology in the Student Senate and Joe Kerrigan, engineering student and student president/regent-elect, are organizing students to go to the NU Board of Regents meeting Friday in Lincoln.

"They (the regents) are going to have to make a plan and come up with a budget for the next 10 years," Propst said.

"The regents aren't our enemies," Propst said. "The legislators are our enemies. They haven't kept up the funding."

Kerrigan said he hopes a large enough group of students will be able to go to the meeting to show concern. An organizing meeting was

held yesterday to hear from engineering students.

"We really don't have any information until we meet Monday," Kerrigan said in a phone interview Friday. "We're trying to help the regents make a hard decision."

The money from the proposed hike, about \$350,000, would go to replace aging equipment at both campuses. The replacement equipment is needed at UN-L because the Engineering Accreditation Commission (EAC) is evaluating the Lincoln program this month. UNO received its accreditation last year, Propst said.

UNO also needs new equipment, Propst said. Some of the equipment is 40 years old and should be scrapped, he said.

"Some of that equipment was used to build the Enola Gay," Propst said. The Enola Gay was the plane used to drop the atomic bomb on Hiroshima in 1945. It was built at the Martin Bomber Plant in Bellevue during World War II. Propst said some of the equipment UNO has

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—Tim McMahan

Some of UNO's engineering equipment is more than 40 years old.



# Comment

## Columnist returns fire at critics

Waitaminit.

Before you get started reading, you're going to have to read the first three letters published just opposite of these humble words. Go. Read. Then come back here so's I can explain in what way those letters are inaccurate.

First, Tim Kerrigan.

Kerrigan has a right to be sore over last week's column. No one likes criticism. He, along with the others, say it was inaccurate.

For the record:

• John Majorek is starting his third term. You are starting your second. I didn't list all the things you've done because I

in my portfolio.

Gretchen Venteicher's and Mary Reynolds' letter makes me wonder even more than I did before how seriously these new senators are taking their jobs.

• Sarcasm is a wonderful device writers like to use to make a point. By using one of your party member's own words, I was jabbing fun at the party's image. I didn't call you "bitches." I said "The Student Senate is giving itself an image of a bunch of good ol' boys and 'bitches' (as a PIP member might say)." The sarcasm device flew right over your heads. Too bad. Maybe after you finish freshman English you'll be able to grasp such "high-brow" writing devices.

• What makes you think people will take *you* seriously when you don't take your oath of office seriously. How do I know you'll take *any* of your responsibilities seriously. The next time you have to take an oath of office, say for a different, more elevated public office, try your little swearing-in joke. Watch as your constituents organize a recall vote. It'll be a real rib-splitter.

By the way, you better get used to three-hour meetings because I'm very skeptical that your leader, Tim Kerrigan, will be able to trim your meetings down to two hours. But I've got to admit, that's a hell of an initiative by an incoming officer.

• Gretchen and Mary:

See the senators. See the senators vote. 16 votes are cast for Tim. See that if you take 6 (the number of absent senators) and add it to 16 you get 22. There could have been 22 votes for Tim. See that there are 21 PIP senators. See? If you don't understand, ask your parents for help.

• You insult yourselves as well as me when you list Archbishop C. Garbett's quote because you, after all, were being critical of me. No matter, I leave you with a couple of quotes. The first, from Voltaire, "My trade is to say what I think." The second, by German poet Gunter Eich, "Be uncomfortable; be sand, not oil, in the machinery of the world." It's these philosophies that get things done in an inefficient world. Criticism is what gets productive changes in motion. And here's a final quote from me: "It's the idiots who sit on their asses and watch the gears spin, who hate it and do nothing, that are the most dangerous in our society. Cus, baby, those who ignore the past are sure as hell damned to repeat it."

## 'Zargate:' We need the truth

The question being asked around the Gateway office right now is just how will UNO recover from "Zargate?"

The whole episode is a public relations coup, of sorts, as university personnel are trying to keep quiet about the whole affair.

But before I delve into the issue, a little background. As was uncovered by the Gateway, a UNO administrator by the name

## Mark Elliott

Gateway Columnist

of Joel Zarr was allegedly doing things he wasn't supposed to, and to make a long story short, he is no longer around.

As was documented, the alleged wrongdoings by Zarr were brought to the attention of other administrators in March 1987.

Higher-ups didn't do anything to Zarr then, and he received almost 10 percent more money in 1987-88 than the year before.

Now, after the "scandal" has been exposed, faces are bright red with embarrassment, and everyone is blaming everyone else. Which brings us back to the opening question.

The only way for UNO to put this episode behind it is to come clean with the story. The Gateway has only begun to touch the surface of the whole affair. We have only printed what we have found out to be true.

But the fact is, people aren't saying very much, true or otherwise. We get a couple of comments there, a sentence here. When are administrators going to realize that the answer does not lie in a blanket of silence? The answer lies in the truth.

UNO students have the right to find out if their tuition money has been wrongfully taken from them, either in direct embezzlement or from wasted work time.

But I realize that administrators don't buy that. They think the Gateway printing stories like this is akin to Jane Fonda visiting North Viet Nam during America's involvement over there.

Bad image is what they say. UNO has got a bad image because of those stories. Baloney.

As is the case in most government-press conflicts, press coverage does not cause — governmental actions cause.

The UNO administration is to blame for the debacle, not the Gateway.

And the fact remains: If the Gateway had not broken the story, then nothing would have been done. Zarr would have gotten off clean, went to a different university and, perhaps, done the same, exact thing.

*Doesn't need any help*

## Senate erodes its own image

The UNO Student Senate is slitting its own throat. And the senators don't need any help wielding the knife, either.

Just to your right on page three, there's a bunch of letters saying shame on the Gateway for giving the Student Senate a bad image and for letting students know that senators are human, too.

Well, I've got news for you, folks. The Gateway isn't in business to promote good relations between Student Government and the UNO community. Hire a public relations firm for that. The Gateway is a newspaper, and it reports the news.

Even when that news reflects some things that make the Student Senate look less than charming.

It's actually a very sad situation.

But it's not sad because one senator referred to me at a public meeting as the "bitch in charge." I thought that was

## Deana Vodicka

Editor

kind of funny. In fact, now I've got a sign on my door that reads, "Office of the bitch in charge."

And it's not even sad that some senators didn't take their swearing-in initiation seriously. That, in its own perverted way, was even kind of funny. It's certainly didn't hurt the Gateway any.

What is sad is that the Student Senate has once again been reduced to nothing more than a social organization. It's just one big party, kids.

Ah, but who first deemed it a social organization?

Going back through the archives of great Gateway reporting, the senate's very own Joe Kerrigan, student president/regent-elect, said in the Wednesday, Oct. 29, 1986, issue that working with new senators was "almost like getting a new car." He said Student Government is a social organization, and meeting new people is part of any social organization.

More than a year later, that social organization-mentality apparently still exists.

The Student Senate has the potential to offer students a great opportunity for leadership experience.

It's too bad student senators allow their peers to abuse those privileges. It seems no one cares that some senators mouth off at a public forum about the very students who voted them into office.

Now don't get me wrong, not all of the senators are in it for the get together at the local hangout afterwards. Some of them are in it because they care about UNO and its image.

It's the other members who are going to bring the Student Senate crashing down around everyone's ears. And when it does, they're not going to know what hit them.

If some members of the Student Senate insist upon acting like buffoons, then they should do it somewhere other than senate meetings. Otherwise, UNO students are going to hear about it. Condoning this behavior is only going to make matters worse for the senate.

At a public forum, and yes, believe it or not, a Student Senate meeting is a public forum, senators should act like the civilized adults they pretended to be during their election campaigns.

But what can really happen if the senate continues in the direction it's heading?

Someone higher up (in the administration, maybe?) is going to say, "Gee, thanks for all your help guys, but I think we'll take back some of that power we gave you. We don't want any 'good ol' boys and bitches,' as one PIP member might say, playing with any of our money. No offense."

Those old purse strings are going to be pulled right out from under their noses.

Eventually, someone is going to get fed up with the abuses that go on during meetings, and some changes are going to be made.

The Student Senate is losing credibility, and it's losing it through the actions of select members. And, dare I say it? PIP members.

If the senate doesn't start getting its act together, there isn't going to be a senate left.

They don't need any help from the Gateway, either. They're doing just fine on their own.

didn't list all the things Majorek has done. It would take too long and too much space for me to list all of Majorek's qualifications. I feel proportionately the list was correct. He's just more qualified than you.

• It's my hope that in the coming year the senate can have an image of itself worth promotion. Your "dream" will only become reality if you give yourselves a good rep. It's the Gateway's job to report what you folks do, whether it's making fools of yourselves or acting as an efficient legislative body which reflects the concerns of the students that it represents.

• You must remember, you were the one who said the senate voted for you because they "picked the one they knew," not necessarily the one who was the most qualified. "I'll be as qualified as most people," is what you said concerning your qualifications. That just doesn't make it with me. I'd prefer to have the most qualified doing the job.

Rob Calvert's letter was hard to follow and incredibly inaccurate. We've taken the liberty to run it, as well as all these letters, verbatim so you know what I'm talking about. Remember, you voted for these people.

• You, Mr. Calvert, as a student senator, are a "public figure." That makes your personal comments "on the record" unless you specify otherwise. Remember when Ron Reagan made the bozo mistake of making an announcement about the missiles being ready to fire on Moscow in five minutes during a sound check? Ron thought he was being funny. The Kremlin didn't think so. His little personal "funny" was splashed on page one across the country. Whether you like it or not, you're on the record unless you otherwise specify before you open your mouth.

• I wasn't at the senate meeting. I couldn't have overheard Ms. Kocina. I've never met her before. Tim Kaldahl wrote the story, perhaps it was him.

• John Majorek was "on the record." We have it on tape.

• I decided to list the candidate's qualifications on a proportional basis. I'd say that Majorek has three times the qualifications as Kerrigan.

• Rob, the senate may have made one of the biggest decisions it will make all year by choosing who will be the speaker. From the people I've talked to, yes, a couple of PIPsters did vote for Majorek. Almost none, if any, non-PIP people voted for Kerrigan. Why is that? Hmmmm.

• We've run a couple stories about the new signs on campus, usually as part of our Board of Regents coverage.

• Though grammatically your last paragraph made no sense, I think I've figured it out. The answer is no. I don't put editorials

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# Letters

## Is McMahan a fool?

To the editor:

First of all, we would like to thank your columnist, Mr. Tim McMahan, for acknowledging the fact that a student senator's job has a lot of prestige, but also has a lot of pressures. We can't believe a Gateway writer would actually let the students know that senators are human, too.

Secondly, we would like to thank Mr. McMahan for labeling us "good ol' boys and bitches." That truly shows his professionalism. That type of disgusting generalization has no place in a journalism medium. We would also like to comment on the swearing-in process that Mr. McMahan did not find very humorous. Might we suggest he get a sense of humor; they are very nice. For most of us, this was our first senate meeting, and some of us were tense. Maybe it was just the two of us, but being in a meeting for three hours calls for a moment of lightheartedness.

Finally, we would like to mention a few facts omitted by the "distinguished" columnist. The election of a speaker for the senate was a very difficult choice and a lot of time and thought was put into the decision. As to Mr. McMahan's ponderings if the Party in Progress members are all voting on a party line, the answer is no. Anyone with a third grade math education could obviously see that reflected in the 16-10 vote.

Let's consider this: There are 21 senators who were members of the PIP; if all had voted on a party line there should have been at least 21 votes for Mr. Tim Kerrigan. Well, something doesn't add up. Both candidates were very qualified, but a choice had to be made, and it was.

The editorial in the Nov. 10 issue of the Gateway began by stating the article was concerned with image. We suggest that the editors and staff of our "fine campus publication" take a good look at improving their own image before passing any judgements on an organization that is trying to get a job done. In closing, we would like to send a personal message to Mr. McMahan from a quote by Archbishop C. Garbett: "Any fool can criticize, and many do."

Sen. Gretchen Venteicher,  
College of Arts and Sciences and  
Sen. Mary Reynolds,  
Freshman class

## 'Need Gateway support'

To the editor:

Dear Mr. McMahan,

I was truly saddened after reading your article that appeared in the Nov. 10, 1987, issue of the Gateway. The article was concerning my elevation to the speaker position on the UNO Student Senate. Your article troubled me for a few reasons that I felt must be brought your attention.

I am concerned for the UNO Student Senate and what type of image it casts on the student body, and finally I am concerned for myself and the image that I have on this campus.

The section of your article where a comparison is drawn between myself and my opponent for the speaker position, John Majorek, is quite simply inadequate.

The problem lies in the misleading statement about both of the speaker nominees and their time served on the UNO Student Senate as well as the fact that I take serious exception to your remark that reads, "So when Tim Kerrigan, fresh from finishing his first year as a senator with very little experience other than some work with the Nebraska State Student Association wins the speaker position..." It seems to me that a statement about my work with the NSSA would include the fact that I served on the Board of Directors and as treasurer of that board.

The way you mentioned it in your article gives no serious indication of anything. It is just a poor statement. John Majorek was portrayed as a three-term senator and I as a one-term senator, when in reality he was appointed as a senator just months before I won election to the senate my freshman year. In fact, I began dealing with the senate with NSSA concerns at almost the same time Mr. Majorek was appointed. I also feel that many of my qualifications were not included in the text of your article. You could have mentioned my position as budget chairman of the 1987-88 senate, or my seat on the Student Activities Budget Commission, or noted that I am currently a UNO ambassador, or that I worked on the International Student Services Board of Directors and as secretary of that board, or you could have mentioned all of my qualifications, much the same as you did for Mr. Majorek. In my eyes, your article is unfortunately misleading, and I don't know why. Perhaps you were not aware of my qualifications, or perhaps you chose not to include them in your article.

Either excuse is no excuse for a good journalist like yourself. You may feel that I've become too excited over the situation, and I'm sorry if you feel that way; however, I don't feel that I was fairly represented in that article.

I have great concern for the UNO Student Senate and would hate to see it with a tarnished reputation. However, that reputation is in jeopardy. The senate runs a great risk of getting negative publicity concerning the important and dividing issues that the senate must sometimes deal with; it is part of campus politics and student governments across the country. It is my hope that in the coming year the senate can promote a good image of itself, but this dream can only become reality with the help of the Gateway. It is my firm conviction that I, as speaker, must work closely with the Gateway to disseminate information properly. It is a task that will take hard work and time, so I'm

counting on support from the Gateway. Together we can see, understand and correct any problem.

I felt bad when I read that I was not as qualified as Mr. Majorek; at least in your eyes. What made me feel worse was that I knew in the back of my head how powerful the pen can be. It wasn't even noon time before I was asked about my qualifications and my experience. I cannot perform my duties as the speaker if people second guess everything that I do, my job simply couldn't get done. So for this reason I found myself very concerned with my image, with how I look to you and to the student body. An article such as the one in Tuesday's Gateway can be extremely detrimental to me, you and the Student Senate. So it is with great concern that I write this letter today.

Please talk with me anytime. I'd be more than happy to give you the facts as I know them. We must form a working relationship to better serve the students of UNO, and in my estimation, misleading articles will only make that relationship harder to come by. I look forward to talking with you.

Tim Kerrigan,  
UNO Student Senate speaker

## 'Columnist lacks ethics'

To the editor:

"Why should I complain, me a person who takes things like oaths seriously," appeared in the Nov. 10 issue of the Gateway. I agree oaths should be taken seriously, but so should professional ethics.

"It ('I want to talk to the bitch in charge') was said 'on the record'..." I have personal experience with "on the record" from previous years, and the Gateway seems to think every personal comment is "on the record."

When Sen. Pamela Kocina made a private comment to another senator at the last meeting about some rules pamphlet looking like a pamphlet on contraception, Mr. McMahan overheard. When asked by Sen. Kocina not to print it, Mr. McMahan said that he was going to anyway.

John Majorek had an experience with "on the record" about two months ago when half of the article on the College Republicans was devoted to items mentioned off the record.

"When Tim Kerrigan, fresh from finishing his first year as a senator with very little experience other than some work with the Nebraska State Student Association wins the senate speaker position over John Majorek..." Mr. McMahan seems to underqualify Tim Kerrigan; why is that Mr. McMahan? It took me five minutes in the Student Government Office to find this list of qualifications: Assistant director of Nebraska State Student Association, UNO representative to the board of governors, UNO ambassador, budget chairman and a member of several university-wide committees. Not to mention he turned down a chance to be assistant director of the Council for Community and Legislative Relations because he wanted to run for speaker. In addition, Mr. McMahan implied that Sen. Majorek has served two more years than Sen. Kerrigan. This is incorrect. Sen. Majorek has served approximately two more months than Sen. Kerrigan.

"...if senators vote 'yes' on issues because they know the guy who's sponsoring the action, then we'll be in a lot of trouble before the new senate gets done destroying what the old has accomplished." The senate has not had a vote on any resolutions, so why not give them a chance, Mr. McMahan. I was a member of the previous senate, and I have never seen a block vote among PIP. "Those cards." Maybe they really do want to represent their constituents, Mr. McMahan.

At the end of the article about the Student Senate, Mr. McMahan included a paragraph about the new signs on campus. Did Mr. McMahan decide not to take the effort to write a real article about the signs or did Mr. McMahan only want to include the picture?

The Publications Board, which oversees the operation of the Gateway, is taking applications now. I ask those interested students who can spare three hours a month to apply.

I ask both Tim McMahan and Deana Vodicka if they plan to journalists, and do they plan to include their articles in your portfolio? Enquiring minds want to know.

Sen. Robert Calvert,  
An enquiring mind

## 'Opinions in wrong spot'

To the editor:

This letter addresses the Nov. 6, 1987, Gateway interview of J. Phillip Shreves, director of the Financial Aid Office.

The article was relatively well done, and I am impressed with the improvements in the Financial Aid Office. The problem I have with the article deals with Mr. Shreves' comments concerning government and politics.

"As long as we have a national debt and a republican in (presidential) office, we'll keep seeing this (cuts in aid)..." Shreves

said. I am glad Mr. Shreves has an opinion. I have an opinion, too, but I leave my comments to editorials, not news stories.

The fault for these opinions appearing in print in a news article is not Mr. Shreves. He was the subject of an interview. It is the fault of the reporter, Tim McMahan, who wrote the article, and the editor, Deana Vodicka, who allowed it to be printed. Facts belong in a news article. The opinions belong in an editorial.

The newspaper serves two purposes on campus: To inform the students and to educate journalism students. The overuse of editorials does not adequately serve either of these purposes. I hope to see improvements in the future.

Robert Calvert,  
UNO student and College Republicans vice chairman

## 'Thanks, Financial Aid'

To the editor:

I would like you to print a letter of thanks to Mr. J. Phillip Shreves and the UNO Financial Aid Office for helping me to get through school.

I really appreciate that I can come up to UNO and try to go back to school. I have received so much support from my advisor in the education department, all of my teachers and especially Financial Aid.

Mary Pomerbaeu  
former UNO student

## 'Madame's visit worked'

To the editor:

I am writing in response to recent letters concerning the appearance of Sydney Biddle Barrows at UNO.

The Issues and Ideas Committee of SPO has brought many controversial individuals to campus such as G. Gordon Liddy and Phyllis Schlafly. We feel our purpose is to offer students the opportunity to both hear and respond to different points of view. We are not in any way supporting prostitution or any issue for that matter.

We are pleased this lecture has caused such a response from the student body, especially when we are working within such a restricted budget. If Ms. Biddle Barrows' appearance caused everyone to stop and re-evaluate their position on this issue, we have served our purpose.

In the future, we would like to invite any interested individuals to participate in the functioning of Issues and Ideas. We are eager to hear any suggestions on possible future lectures. Anyone interested in suggesting a future lecture or joining our committee should contact SPO at 554-2623.

SPO Issues and Ideas Committee

## 'Halloween perverted'

To the editor:

To Beverly J. Lydick. In your article "Halloween: Not just for kids," you mention that Christians call Halloween decadent. Decadent is defined as "in a state of decline" and you have described the holiday in appropriate terms.

The origins of Halloween are from the Catholic Church that referred to it as "Allhallows Eve." It was the eve of All Saints' Day, a day to honor those who have been canonized by the Catholic Church. It was the wiccans (witches) who have perverted the one-time religious holiday.

With this knowledge, why should we not be upset? Jack-o'-lanterns, intrinsically, are not bad. However, what is bad is the focus of the holiday on the occult, devils, demons, witches and vampires, to name a few. In my own "narrow-mindedness," I do not wish to convey the idea to my children that Satan is "an all right guy."

As far as Christians in relation to the fight against child pornography is concerned, you are incorrect! It is the fundamentalist Christians, and I do not consider the word 'fundamentalist' derogatory, who were instrumental in getting district attorneys to enforce the pornography laws already on the books. In fact, the eminent psychologist and fundamentalist Christian Dr. James Dobson served on the President's Commission on Pornography. It was through his radio program "Focus on the Family" that he mobilized the local Christian population to put pressure on D.A.'s to stop child pornography. It worked. Even though pornography, as a whole, is a multi-million dollar industry that prevails, judges are hardest on child pornographers.

If committed Christians do nothing about child pornography, abortion on demand and the concept of Halloween, then I don't think much of the church of which I am a member.

James C. Moeller,  
UNO student

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# Faculty Senate approves five names to commission

The UNO Faculty Senate approved the election of four people to serve on the Chancellor Review Commission at Thursday's meeting.

Frank Forbes, law and society chairperson; Elvira Garcia, foreign languages professor; and John Reidelbach, library chairperson, were all elected by the senate to serve on the commission along with Shari Hofschire, a UNO alumnus. James H. Young, chancellor of the University of Arkansas, was confirmed as the external member of the commission.

The review commission was set up in 1983 to evaluate the chancellor every four years. The last evaluation report was in 1984. The commission's job is to provide information to the chancellor about views regarding the guidance of the university. The commission helps focus the faculty's perception of the chancellor's priorities and guidance of the university.

The review is based on the job description set down in the NU Board of Regents' bylaws, according to Kermit Peters, Faculty Senate president.

The procedure for the selection of the commission members consists of the Faculty Senate nominating 17 faculty members for positions on the commission. The administration narrows the number of candidates to six reflecting one

candidate from each college and the Library. The senate then elects three to serve on the commission.

Hofschire was one of six nominees named by the Alumni Association. Young was chosen from a list of six chancellors from a comparable institution to UNO selected by the Association for Post Secondary Schools.

Peters said the review could begin as soon as Forbes, the commission's chair, could "put the mechanics together." He said Young wouldn't visit the campus until late spring when most of the work is done. Young is responsible for writing the final report.

In other business:

- The senate adopted a motion that recommends further study and consideration of modifications of the core curriculum to reflect the views or critical assessments of the colleges.

- The senate approved a recommendation of a campus moment of jubilation at 10 a.m. on the day the last annex is scheduled for removal from campus.

"The committee (Professional Development Committee) is not trying to suggest what form that jubilation takes," said Faculty Sen. Orville Menard.

Peters said the recommendation was given

"tongue in cheek" by Menard's committee. "There was a time on our campus when temporary meant permanent," Peters said.

- G. Herbert Grandbois, associate professor of social work, was appointed to serve on the Multicultural Programming Committee for a one-year term.

- The senate approved a recommendation which states that a committee of faculty and staff should be appointed to study the problem of smoking on campus and declare the campus

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was donated from the plant.

"What are they going to do with the money?" asked Propst. "We don't have any idea what they're planning."

Propst said he hopes to find out why a 20 percent increase is proposed instead of another percentage, why the tuition hike was chosen at this time and how UNO will benefit from the increase.

"They (the regents) are really trying to rush it through," Propst said. "That's what scares us."

Some engineering students are opposed to

"smoke free." Designated areas would be set aside for smoking, and a procedure would be drawn up for enforcement of the smoking ban.

The recommendation is a response to a chancellor's request. The recommendation will now go to the chancellor.

Peters said the Med Center has a similar measure which is to go into effect. He said deans, department heads and directors are the enforcers there. "It means everybody's a policeman," he said.

the hike; others don't mind as long as the money stays at UNO to benefit the college, he said.

"We're on our own little island," Propst said. UNO's 900 engineering students receive degrees not from UNO, but from the Lincoln campus.

Propst said he feels that UNO has one of the best technology programs in the country despite outdated equipment.

"Without the faculty, I don't think we would have gotten accredited," he said.

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were scoring badly during international testing," Gildersleeve said. "The main reason was that they didn't know where places were."

A national survey revealed that school districts were no longer offering individual geography courses, he said. Geography courses have been compressed under the title of social studies over the past few years, Gildersleeve said.

The United States ranks near the bottom compared to other "more modern countries," he said. The United States finished ninth among 10 nations during a recent test, Gildersleeve said.

Twenty-two percent of American students recently put the United States in Brazil during a geography test, he said. Other students placed Belfast, Northern Ireland, where Toledo, Ohio, should have been on a map, Gildersleeve said.

Six percent of University of Miami (Fla.) students could not locate their city on a map, Gildersleeve said. "They couldn't recognize Florida," he said. "They didn't know where their own state was. Can you believe that?"

This country has become the laughing stock of the world, Gildersleeve said.

In relation to geography, foreign language is important to succeed in the world, he said. "Our State Department doesn't require its overseas division employees to speak a foreign language," Gildersleeve said.

"We expect everything our way," he added. "That's what has made us a laughing stock."

Two or three years ago, several geography and education organizations united to develop programs to get schools to offer separate geography classes, he said.

Nebraska is one of the last states in the region to require geography courses in high school, Gildersleeve said. Colorado requires a high school geography course as a prerequisite for enrollment at the University of Colorado, he said.

"We have a group of geographers and educators who act as consultants for schools that are interested in developing geography programs," Gildersleeve said. "Omaha Gross is the first to develop a new program."

The Unicameral's Education Committee questioned the group's actions, Gildersleeve said. "They were concerned with who could change a school's curriculum," he said. "We aren't forcing schools to teach geography. We strongly recommend it, though."

The Omaha Public School system requires one year of world geography in the ninth grade as a requirement for graduation, Gildersleeve said. It is the only school system in the state with such a requirement that he knew of, he added.

OPS graduates seem to do better than other students in geography classes at UNO, he said.

The Nebraska Geographers Alliance is an organization of college professors and high school teachers interested in having geography as an individual course, Gildersleeve said. The alliance meets twice a year, once in Kearney and once in an eastern city, he added.

Its main priority is to have geography courses at the high school level, Gildersleeve said. The alliance would eventually like to see individual geography courses at the elementary school level, he added.

UNO will feature two seminars Wednesday night, Gildersleeve said. The event starts at 7 p.m.

The first, "A Semester at Sea: Doing Cultural Geography in the Field," will be presented by Dean S. Rugg, professor of geography at UN-L, he said.

The second part of the program will be a discussion on geography in the schools, Gildersleeve said. Area teachers and members of UNO's Global Education Project (a division of the international studies department) will lead the discussion, he said. There will be a \$1 cost for adults and 50 cents for students, he said.

UN-L's geography department will have an open house and seminar Thursday night at Avery Hall (near Memorial Stadium) beginning at 7 p.m., Gildersleeve said.

UN-L's guests speaker will be Glenn E. Schweitzer, a former Environmental Protection

Agency executive, Gildersleeve said. Schweitzer's topic will be "Love Canal and Three Mile Island: Monitoring Environmental Accidents."

Kearney State College will also have a program during the week, Gildersleeve said, but he did not know the school's agenda.

UNO's geography-geology department has 11 faculty members and about 120 student majors, he said. The faculty pursue interests in areas such as ethnic geography, irrigation and erosion in Nebraska, the Loess Hills of Nebraska and glacial landforms in Pakistan, Gildersleeve said.

"Our graduates go into different areas," he said. "They become city planners, environmental planners. Some work in the aerospace industry and the State Department."

"A lot of government and federal agencies employ geographers and geologists."

UNO has many students in internship programs, Gildersleeve said. Students work for credit only at places such as the Omaha and Bellevue Planning Commissions, Union Pacific, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Omaha History Museum, he said.



"The most important thing we need is geography as a course by itself," Gildersleeve said, "so our students don't look like idiots in the world."

"Nebraska will become a tail-end state if we don't get moving on it."

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# UNO could be first to belong to new lobbying group

By JOHN ROOD  
Senior Reporter

WAYNE, Neb. — The UNO delegation from the NSSA assembly will request approval for

the new NSIC/NSSA constitution at Thursday's Student Senate meeting, Senate Speaker Tim Kerrigan said.

"We're going to try and suspend the rules to hear the constitution, John (Majorek) and I

are going to co-sponsor it," Kerrigan, who is also the NSSA treasurer, said.

Because NSSA chose to draft a new constitution, the document will require approval from each of the member schools' student senates. Ordinarily, new constitutions at UNO are submitted to the Rules Committee before they go to the senate.

Kerrigan said he wants UNO to be the first organization to belong to the new organization.

"I think it would be great if we were first, UNO played a big role in creating it," he said.

"It should pass pretty easily, because right away it will be a savings of at least \$14,000 to the university," Majorek, an NSSA delegate and student senator, said.

"All of the concerns of the other delegations were addressed. We've solved our delegation's concerns. At the same time, we've reached a parity with the other members of NSSA," Majorek said.

Kerrigan is unsure of exactly what will happen to the 50-cent fee collected each semester to fund NSSA. The fee may continue to go towards lobbying efforts. "Personally, I'd like to

see it continue," he said.

In October, students approved a measure to put the money into capital improvements if UNO pulled out of NSSA.

"I think SABC (Student Activities Budget Committee) might have some opportunity for getting it. But, I'm not totally sure of exactly what will happen. I'm certain the Student Senate is going to support some additional money for CCLR," Kerrigan said.

The Council for Community and Legislative Relations is UNO's lobbying group. In the past, it has been almost totally independent of NSSA. In the future, CCLR will probably work more closely with the group, Paula Effle, CCLR director, said.

"What I think is going to happen is that there will be more of a sharing of information between the two groups. I think it will make both of our jobs easier," she said.

"My primary objective will still be to represent the unique concerns of UNO students, but I look forward to working with NSIC/NSSA in the future," Effle, who is also an NSSA delegate, said.

## Peru 'cops-out, too lazy'

By JOHN ROOD  
Senior Reporter

WAYNE, Neb. — Prior to constitutional revisions on Saturday, Nebraska State Student Association (NSSA) Chairman Mike McMorrow had at least two reasons not to be overly optimistic about the group's future.

For starters, it was Friday the 13th, and it was the 13th Legislative Assembly of the NSSA when McMorrow challenged the group to overcome two earlier defeats.

In March, UN-L voted to withdraw from NSSA, removing a substantial portion of the group's funding. On Wednesday, Peru State also withdrew, leaving only UNO, Wayne State and Chadron State in the lobbying group; Chadron did not attend the assembly.

"One of the things we have to decide," McMorrow told the group, "is if we even want to continue."

Delegations from UN-L and Kearney State College attended the assembly to contribute ideas, but could not vote.

Peru was also asked to send a representative, but declined because it said the assembly was ineffective, Angelia Rowher, corresponding secretary of the Peru Student Senate, stated in a letter to NSSA.

"We feel that the organization is ineffective as it is currently run, and that we receive no benefits from membership," she said.

UNO delegate Paula Effle said UN-L and Peru were wrong to drop out of NSSA.

"I think that's a cop-out. They're too lazy to put in the time and effort required to make this organization work," she said.

In a phone interview following the assembly, Rowher, a former NSSA secretary, explained Peru's position.

"The legislative assemblies really don't accomplish much. It takes so much time to get so little done. It's a very frustrating experience," she said.

The other delegations spent Friday night discussing goals and problems of the group at the request of Rich Lombardi, a professional lobbyist employed by NSSA.

Lombardi said one of NSSA's faults was that it spent more time on internal matters, such as membership problems, than on external results.

"We spend an inordinate amount of time in this state trying to find things that divide us," he said.

An offer Lombardi made before the restructuring took place helped make the assembly's job easier, McMorrow said.

Lombardi told the group his company, American Communicators Group, Inc., would release NSSA from its contract.

"As of Dec. 1, the retainer can be null and void unless you choose to pursue it," he said. The agreement retained Lombardi until the end of the next legislative session.

Lombardi said his company provided the release because it wanted NSSA to be free to structure the organization in whatever form it chose.

He acknowledged the danger of losing NSSA as a client. "I really believe in the organization, and I don't want to see it encumbered. Really the only retainer they have with staff right now is with me."

"If they choose to retain me, that's all well and good, if they don't, no hard feelings," Lombardi said.

The NSSA voted on Saturday not to retain a professional lobbyist. Lombardi said the lost portion of his contract would be about \$4,000.

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(ASUN) (the UN-L Student Government) and the Legislature, according to Laura Schabloske, an ASUN representative.

"So much time has been spent tearing the NSSA down that I don't think it could pass with its present name," Schabloske said.

"NSSA's reputation in the Legislature is pretty bad," she said.

In addition to the name change, the Legislative Assembly acted to solve structural changes that hurt NSSA in the past, McMorrow said.

The state colleges were concerned that UN-L and UNO had dominated the old NSSA, he said. Before the changes, UNO had 70 percent of the assembly's vote.

Streamlining of the two decision-making bodies of the NSSA took place to alleviate the imbalance, McMorrow said.

According to the constitution, there will be fewer members who will meet more often. This will make the size of the group more manageable and improve communication, he said.

Hays said although UNO won't exert as great an influence, it should be a better situation for UNO because all schools will probably join.

"We should be more effective," he said.

Peru State, which voted to remove itself from the organization on Wednesday, will not join the new group immediately, Angelia Rowher, a former Peru State representative, said.

"What we will probably do is to sit back and watch to see if anything gets done. If it looks like they have effectively addressed our concerns, we would probably consider joining," Rowher, who is also secretary of the Peru State Student Senate, said.

The first meeting of the NSIC/NSSA will be on Jan. 23 in Lincoln.

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# London

## Students voice experiences on UNO's study abroad program

By LORI SAFRANEK  
Staff Reporter

How would you like to live in London for a semester? Reluctant to miss a semester of credit? No problem: Study at the University of London through UNO's London Semester program.

The program involves several universities, including UNO, from around the United States. American students live for one semester in London, while still working towards their degree, and are also able to learn about the culture and history of England firsthand.

Jay Harris, UNO International Exchange Advisor, said UNO has sent 47 students to London during the seven semesters it has been involved in the program. Students apply through their home university and their credits are transferred back to that university.

Each American university involved also sends one faculty member each semester who will teach a course in his field of study at the University of London.

"This could cover anything from drama to political science, or from history to art," said Harris.

Students should have at least a 2.0 GPA to be considered.

Another factor students need to consider before applying is their ability to adapt to change — and more importantly, to appreciate it, Harris said.

Jill Higgins, a UNO criminal justice major, spent the 1987 spring semester in London. She said, "You find out about a different culture — which you think would be just like us because they speak the same language — but it's very different."

Pat Gerbus, a UNO graduate, agreed with Higgins. "Most of us went over thinking they were the same as us, but with an accent. This experience showed us the real difference," he said.

### Classes

Students are advised to take no more than 12 credit hours during the semester in order to fully enjoy the cultural and social events in London.

All the classes American students take are taught by American professors, except for one: "British Life and Culture," which is required. This course features guest speakers from Parliament, London's business community or whatever subject is being presented.

Gerbus said British Life and Culture was his favorite class. "When you're actually going out and talking to people, and then learning about it in British Life and Culture, it's really great."

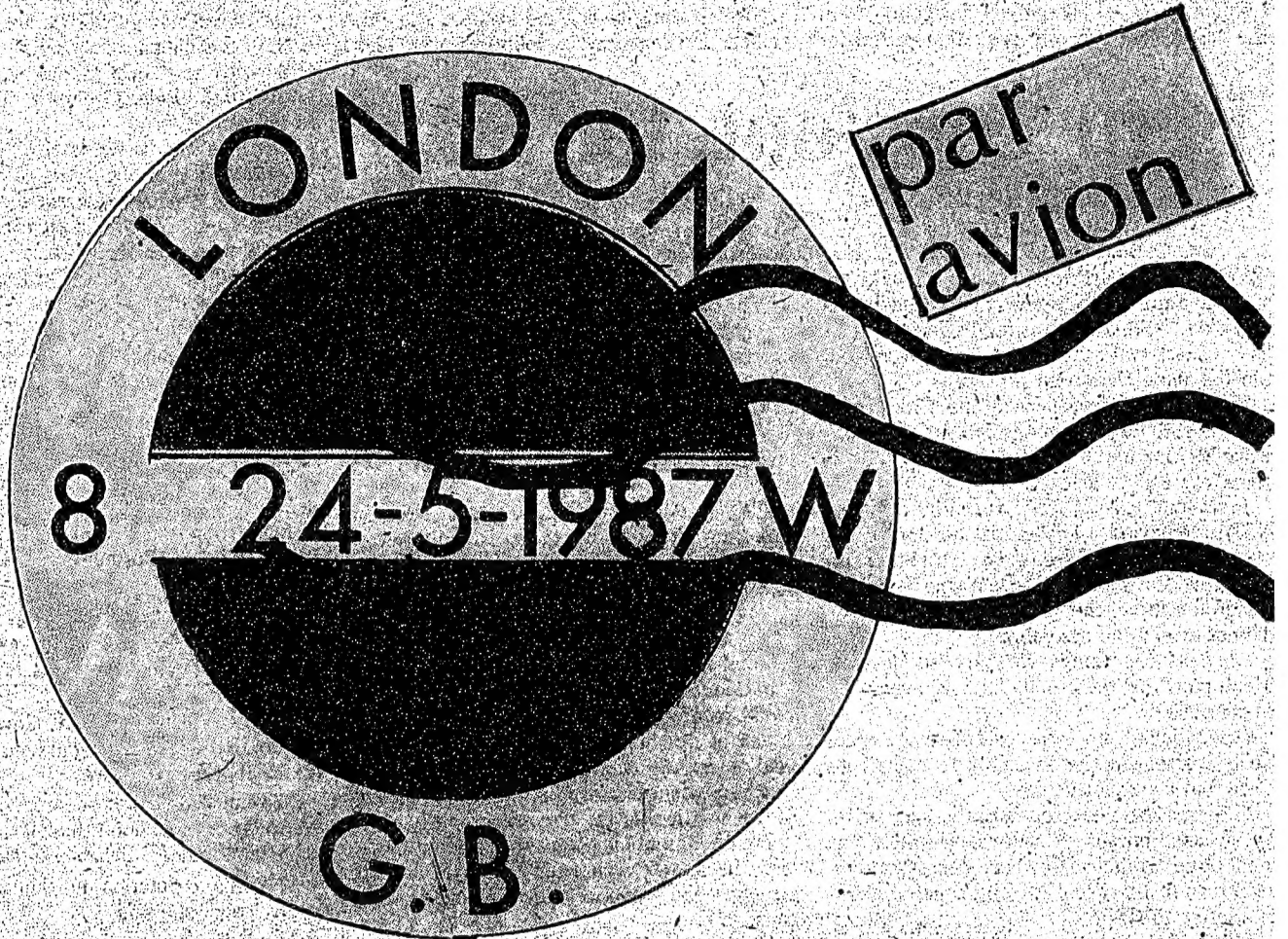
Andy Sipple, a UN-L student who went through UNO's program, also enjoyed the guest speakers. "One professor told us we were a bunch of babies because they had us living in the nicer part of London, so I went into the poorer parts of town, outside of the West End. It really wasn't that bad, but then I didn't go walking down any dark alleys, either," he said.

The University of London is not contained on one campus, but spread out over the city. "Depending on what your major was, you went to a different campus in London," Higgins said. The American students attend classes in the University of London Student Union located on the Bloomsbury campus in central London. This campus contains different colleges, similar to an American university.

The student union has a swimming pool, squash courts, bank, optician, weight room, cafeteria — plus a novelty for American students, a full-service pub. The pub features British bands at night, including well-known groups like the Smithereens.

### Housing

Living accommodations are arranged by AIFS. Sipple, Higgins



and Gerbus lived in converted townhouses owned by AIFS in South Kensington (London's wealthy 'West End') where they each shared a room with two or three other American students. Also available is the homestay program, where a student lives in the home of a London family or single person. Another option is a work-study situation where the student agrees to 20 hours of work per week in exchange for a reduction of the program's fees.

Fees are \$3,800 a semester, plus the normal UNO tuition for 12 credit hours and any extras, such as travel or souvenirs. The \$3,800 includes round-trip airfare, room and board, insurance and social and cultural activities arranged by AIFS.

An optional pretour of Europe is available to students before the semester begins, in addition to AIFS arranged tours during the semester. A weekend tour of Edinburgh, Scotland, was offered in the spring, along with week-long tours of Italy and the Soviet Union during spring break.

Other students make their own arrangements for travel in Europe.

"How much more the student spends depends on the student's lifestyle. You can live on cereal and beans and take the bus everywhere or you can eat caviar and see all of Europe. It depends on the student," Harris said.

### Meeting Londoners

While one of the goals of spending a semester in London is to meet the people of London, Gerbus said, "It was kind of tough to meet the English students because they're kind of quiet

and keep to themselves. In the pubs, I mostly met people from other countries, like Sweden and Norway."

Gerbus found people more outspoken outside of London. He was in Ireland on St. Patrick's Day and said the celebration there is much more subdued than in the United States. One Irish man gave Gerbus his opinion of Americans, "What really horrified him was that we're so big on Ireland over here (in the States). He couldn't believe we would want to live there. He was like, 'Why the hell would you want to live here? The country's a mess!'"

Both Higgins and Gerbus saw several plays and went on day-tours around England, as well as traveling in Europe. Sipple, however, got his best view of young Londoners by going to concerts.

"There were these old theatres converted into halls with the seats taken out, except in the balcony. There would be four of five bands in one night. I went to see about 12 bands. Even though there were 'punks' there, no one bothered me, because I was there for the same thing they were, just to listen to the bands."

Sipple traveled to Amsterdam over his spring break, as well as going to Austria for a week of skiing and then to Greece after the semester.

"Amsterdam is a pretty good place to go get wasted. Drugs and prostitution are both completely legal. It really makes it

See London on 8

## Europe unaffordable? Not really, just a matter of budgeting

By DAN SWIATEK  
Feature Editor

This story contains opinions of the author.

The almost mythical European vacation for college students can be an affordable reality if carefully planned and executed. Thousands of U.S. students do it every year. A well-founded three- or four-week trip to Europe can be had for \$1,800 — \$600 to \$800 for round-trip airfare, \$330 for a Eurailpass, \$20 a day for hotel accommodations (it's easy to find cheap places) and \$200 to \$300 spending money.

Your first concern in planning any large trip or course is the money needed and how to get it. A comfortable amount of time to save for your trip to Europe is one year. The following budgeting and money-saving techniques will make your trip to Europe a reality. You have to be realistic about the time it will take to save the money.

It is usually better to save first and develop your plans later. This avoids future disappointment if the money situation turns out to be grim.

Once you're pointed toward Europe, you'll need to do several key things.

Open up a savings account, even if you already have an account, open up another one — they're free and banks will credit

your name for having more than one. Reserve this only for money for your trip. Withdrawals from this account aren't allowed; only deposits. A checking account won't do. Checks are too easy to write in emergencies. Also, don't tell anyone about this account. Especially parents or your boyfriend or girlfriend.

Create a weekly budget. In planning your budget, figure out how much money you absolutely need to survive each week here at home, the bare minimum. Money normally spent on restaurants, bars, records and other extras goes into your savings account. It's not pleasant living like a pauper, and sometimes it's terribly tempting to stop at Burger King after class. But just ask yourself: Would a burger taste better at the Hard Rock Cafe in London?

Cheaper your entertainment habits on weekends to save for your trip. Consider this: Two nights in the town can easily cost \$30. In one year, that's nearly \$1,500. Instead of a movie or a bar, watch a movie at home on the VCR or go over to someone's house and drink their beer. If you have to pay for a beer, wouldn't it taste better in one of the beer gardens in Munich?

Eight months of saving and living at the subsistence level will leave you feeling great. Your money is in the bank, and you've accomplished a great deal. Now's the time to

plan your trip. You have two options: Join a tour group or explore Europe on your own (not as frightening as it would seem).

Tours abound. Most popular are organizations specializing in student tours. Here are a few:

The American-European Students' Union (AESU), Suite 248, The Quadrangle Village of CrossKeys, Baltimore, Md. 21210 and Students Travel International (STI), 8619 Reseda Blvd., Suite 103, Northridge, Calif. 91324. These organizations offer dozens of fully-guided, hassle-free travel opportunities. Tours vary from 14 to 69 days and have rarely more than 40 people — all your comparable age.

A major plus with a tour is that absolutely everything is arranged for you: airfare to London, theatre tickets, tips, meals and hotels. Tour groups are great for anyone who would rather not worry about the uncertainties of independent travel. Catalogs are available upon request.

Many universities, including UNO, offer European travel through periodic or seasonal study tours. Contact International Studies for information on UNO's London Semester program and Christmas break trips to London. These are available for academic credit.

If you prefer more freedom, you can go

it alone if you don't mind the added responsibilities of arranging airfare, accommodations and planning an itinerary. But here again, you're not alone.

For starters, contact the International Student Exchange (ISE), Europa House, 802 West Oregon St., Urbana, Ill. 61801. ISE offers special discounts on airfare for students, particularly during the low seasons of April and May and September through December.

European accommodations can be inexpensive if you know where to look. Hostels are the cheapest (\$2 to \$8 a night). While it's not Hilton-like luxury, most are clean and offer bathroom and restaurant facilities.

A catalog listing the 5,000 hostels around the world plus special "Europe on a Shoestring" journeys by bicycle, train or motor is available from the American Youth Hostel Organization (AYH), World Adventure, 6300 Fifth Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa. 15252. Enclose four 22-cent stamps with your request.

For information on inexpensive European tourist-class hotels, customs and culture, invest in a few good directory-type books, "Let's Go Europe," Arthur Frommer's "Europe on \$25 a Day," and Rick Steves' "Europe Through the Back Door" are the best.



## 'Nunsense:' A clever change of habit

All the good things you're hearing about the Firehouse Dinner Theatre's "Nunsense" are true: It's fun, it's clever and you don't have to be Catholic to understand the jokes.

Here's the story: Sister Julia, child of God, the convent cook, had prepared vichyssoise (stew, ok?) for 52 of the Little Sisters of Hoboken nunnery who, as a result, died of botulism. But there is only enough money to bury 48 of the dearly departed; so, with "four blue nuns in the freezer" (that's a line from one of

### Judith Bieker

State of the Arts

the songs) and the New Jersey Board of Health on the doorstep, five of the remaining "Little Hobos" stage a variety show to raise funds.

The fun begins even before the show starts. Musical director Jim Boggess — you might remember him best from his Ethyl Merman imitation with the trio Best of Friends — dressed in a traditional cassock, takes the stage with benign, priestly grins reminiscent of Barry Fitzgerald in "Going My Way." He doesn't even speak, and the audience is rolling with laughter. And you haven't lived until you've heard the Fr. Boggess bossa nova piano arrangement of "The Sound of Music."

The show begins with a bingo game. (How could it be Catholic if it didn't have bingo?) It's an audience participation play, and it works. The stage is made to resemble the interior of a Catholic social hall, Mount St. Helen's, ready for the weekly bingo game. Now, I brought my mom along with me for this performance because I thought she might like the play and because I figured it would be good for her to get away from bingo for one night and see what some of the rest of the world does for entertainment. Little did I know we'd get to play a round before the Mother Superior took over the podium.

(Truthfully, I brought my mother because she's of a generation that has the greatest chance of being offended by this

material. She wasn't. My mother is one of the most critical personalities I know — I come by it naturally, you understand — and she loved the show.

It's hard to name a favorite player in this cast. The singing and acting ensemble is sturdy enough to allow the solo numbers to shine brilliantly without shadowing the troupe as a whole.

There is Sister Robert Anne, a "streetwise nun" played energetically by Kristi Tucker, who shows us the nun impressions she does for her students. She has also written a book for her seventh-grade gym class, "Thirty Days to an Immaculate Conception."

Kathryn Marie Foss plays the part of Sister Mary Amnesia, who wandered into the convent one day able to recall only that a huge cross had fallen on her. Sister Mary Amnesia conducts a hilarious quiz — again, audience participation — early on in the program. Later on, Foss's acting and singing talent really shines as she performs a duet with a ventriloquist dummy.

The humor in this show is fresh and original (there's only one penguin joke in the entire program). Most of it relies on nun puns (just wait until you see the home movie in the third act), but it's never boring.

In Act II, we have The Dying Nun Ballet performed with an appropriate lack of talent by Sister Mary Leo (Melanie Mays), who still keeps her toe shoes by her bed so she can dance her morning prayers.

Probably the only thing I wouldn't recommend about this production is the dinner-beforehand. Harrigan's makes a rather decent dinner menu, and the food is good, but it's not remarkable. One of the best things about shows at the Firehouse Dinner Theatre is that you can skip the meal and buy a ticket for the show only (which is a real wallet-saver now that the holidays are upon us). And it's not that I'd mind paying what is roughly the equivalent of \$12 for an average quality cordon bleu chicken; it's just that I'd rather pay a little bit more elsewhere for an excellent cordon bleu chicken.

At any rate, "Nunsense" is thoroughly entertaining, and I highly recommend it for all adult audiences.



The cast of "Nunsense," from left, Kristi Tucker, Nedra Dixon, Lynn Archer, Kathryn Marie Foss and Melanie Mays.

## Critic says Ibsen would have been proud of UNO's 'Ghosts'

By TIM KALDAHL  
Senior Reporter

Henrik Ibsen would be pleased if he was alive to see the UNO drama department's version of his play "Ghosts."

It was moody, unsettling and depressing just the way the he meant it to be when he wrote it more than 100 years ago.

The story line is about how morality and

### Review

"appearances" must be maintained by Helen Alving (played by Kathleen Herder), the widow of the depraved Capt. Alving. The play shows how worrying about what others think eats away and destroys the lives of the characters, at first subtly over the years. In the end everything crashes down around Mrs. Alving and her son Oswald (Keith Hale).

Director Doug Paterson not only had a great script to work from but five very good actors to work with. All were very believable in their roles. Ben Wilson's set design definitely added to the production.

The play is set in the home of the late Capt. Alving in the Norwegian countryside of the 1880's. Despite that, Wilson created a set that looks like a section of a ship. It's not a nautical decor you might find at a Red Lobster restaurant. It looks like a piece of an old wooden sailing ship.

Paterson explained to my theatre class that the set was a metaphor for how we all float through the events that make up life. In the play, all the characters have made decisions that effect how they react to each other. Sure, it sounds flakey, but it really works in context.

Kathleen Herder was an excellent Helen Alving. Her performance as a doting mother and aggravated former wife were on target. The only problem she had was her age. I didn't believe she was old enough to have a son in his 20s.

Keith Hale was a pleasant surprise as Oswald Alving. I had a mental picture after reading the play of Oswald being a tall, thin art student. Hale is short and kind of a chunk, but he brought out the agony and wit of the character beautifully.

At times, I thought the yelling he had to use was uncalled for. But, the script calls for him to be suffering from advanced syphilis, and it

does affect the mind.

Pastor Manders, the Alving's family friend and priest, was played with a pompous flair by Bryan Schmoldt. Schmoldt buttoned up his collar high, stuck his nose in the air and made Manders into a Norwegian Jimmy Swaggart.

"It is your duty humbly to bear that cross which a higher will has seen fit to assign to you," Manders tells Mrs. Alving in Act I. His belief in duty is representative of a whole out-moded form of morality. Schmoldt handles it well.

By far the most intriguing and fun character to watch is Jacob Engstrand, the Alving's carpenter and father of their maid Regina. Brian Barratt portrays the scheming Engstrand with a low growling voice and a Jack Nicholson smile.

Engstrand is by far the most uneducated man in the play, but his keen common sense keeps him a step ahead of everybody. He knows how to use Manders, the most educated character, like a puppet.

Barratt is an actor who I want to follow in the future. The other roles at times seemed a bit overacted, but he knows how to take his time. Each time he grinned, my skin crawled.

Kati Brazda played Regina, the Alving's maid. She filled the role and her costume nicely. Her character was never fully developed. She was a love interest for Oswald and his unknowing half-sister, a possible prostitute for her father and Mrs. Alving's point of shame. With all that I wonder why Ibsen didn't give her more lines?

"Ghosts" ended its run at the University Theatre last Sunday. The only way for students to see it now at the American College Theatre Festival at Nebraska Wesleyan. All the actors, technicians and costumes are competing Nov. 18 through the 22.

Other Nebraska colleges will compete with UNO for the right to represent the state at regional competitions later in the year.

I think they already have a winner.

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## London from page 6

bad. You can buy drugs openly on the streets. Because we were Americans, they kept bugging us, trying to sell us drugs," he said.

Sipple also became more aware of the political situation in Europe.

"It really opened my eyes to the nuclear weapon situation in Europe and how they feel about it." While Americans typically only hear bad things about the Soviet Union, Europeans remain impartial.


"They have both good things to say about the Russians and bad things to say about Russia and the United States. Europe is right in the middle of the situation," he said.

All three students expressed an increased awareness of their own country, as well as of England. Sipple said, "I really appreciate how young our country is."

Gerbus admired the 'Brits' sense of tradition of their heritage. "They really preserve their buildings and keep the character. The parts that were bombed in World War Two and rebuilt just don't have the same character."

Higgins returned home with a new-found respect of life in the United States. She realized "How lucky we are to live where we are, to really have pride in America. At first, I would let them (the British) put down America, but after I lived like they do, in the same conditions, I was really appreciative of our life here," she said.

—Dan Swiatek



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## Activities planned

# UNO to observe 'Smokeout' Thursday

By JILL BRUCKNER  
Staff Reporter

The American Cancer Society annually encourages smokers to "take a break from cigarettes and enjoy a breath of life for just one day" during the "Great American Smokeout."

Last year, nearly seven million smokers observed the campaign to abstain from cigarettes and on Thursday, Nov. 19, UNO will participate in this once-a-year event.

"Smoking is related to 320,000 deaths annually from cancer of the lung, mouth, pharynx, larynx, esophagus, pancreas and bladder. It's also directly related to other diseases," said Susan Islam, director of broadcasting and advertising, in an American Cancer Society leaflet.

A number of activities, sponsored by the national health science honorary, Eta Sigma Gamma, with support from the Student Recreation and Parks Society and the Nebraska Speech, Language and Hearing Association, will take place on UNO's campus.

Among the scheduled events is a smokers' Survival Kit Exchange. Christi Wise, "Great American Smokeout" campus coordinator, said the exchange in the Student Center Ballroom from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., "is designed to provide extra support for those individuals who abstain from smoking on Nov. 19."

Participants in the Smokeout are asked to "give a pack of cigarettes, even just a partial one, or a can of smokeless tobacco, and we'll give them a survival kit in exchange," she said.

Along with a book of headless matches, the kit includes two packs of gum, a sucker and a Larry Hagman wrist-snapping rubberband.

At noon, 100 helium-filled balloons will be released in front of the Student Center. A free turkey raffle is also planned.

Del Weber, UNO chancellor, is encouraging participation in Thursday's activities. He said the scheduled events will give smokers the "opportunity to learn how to effectively quit," and will offer nonsmokers a chance to "become more aware and informed about the subject matter by participating in the events planned."

Tim McGlade, a UNO marketing major who smokes "at least a pack a day," said he will be participating in the "Great American Smokeout" because "it's a good opportunity to avoid smoking for at least one day if not for a longer time."

McGlade feels there is somewhat of a "team effort" present with an event like the Smokeout. "I didn't start smoking until I was 20," he said. "It's tough to quit on your own. With this there's a social pressure to participate in not smoking. Other smokers will sympathize with and support you for abstaining."

Like McGlade, Jay Lynch, a senior majoring in communications, also plans to be a Smokeout participant. Unlike McGlade, Lynch describes himself as a "weekend smoker whose weekend begins on Thursday." The American Cancer Society's event falls on a Thursday. For this reason, Lynch said he will only "abstain from smoking until midnight. Smoking just goes with alcohol."

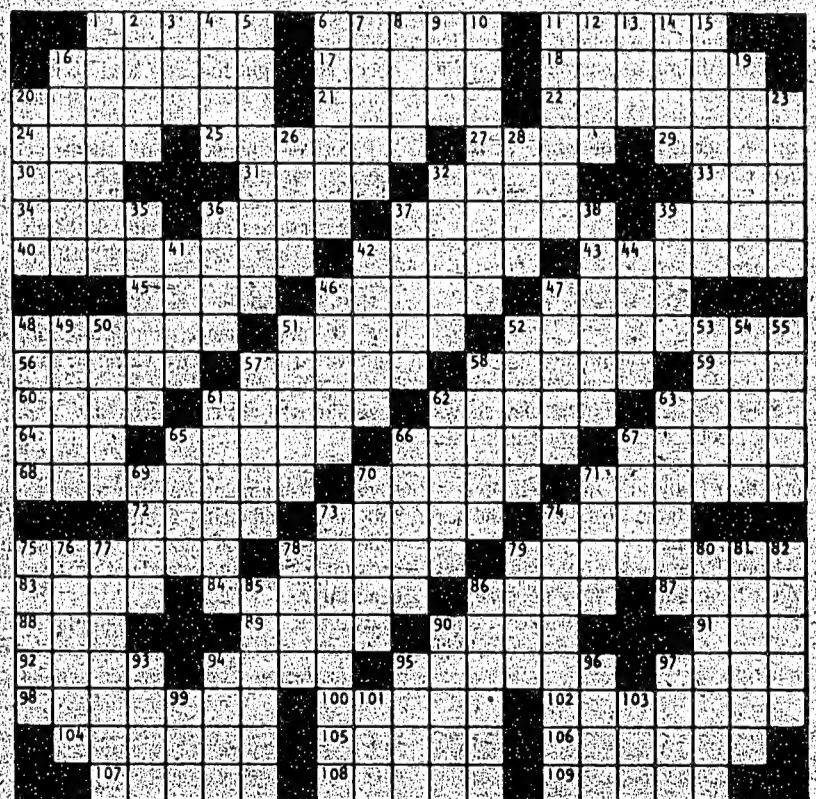
For those smokers who do wish to be a part of the "Great American Smokeout," the American Cancer Society offers a few suggestions to taking "a breather." They propose hiding all ashtrays, drinking lots of liquids, but avoiding alcohol, exercising to relieve tension and telling a friend you are quitting for the day.

## OBSERVER Crossword

Edited by Charles Preston

### Pencil Me Blue

- ACROSS**
- 1 At all
  - 6 Small piece or scrap
  - 11 Step
  - 16 Large drawing room
  - 17 Suppress
  - 18 Social groups
  - 20 Genus of trees
  - 21 Useful
  - 22 Survivors
  - 24 Furnace
  - 25 Overstrain
  - 27 Kind of deer
  - 29 Open lesion
  - 30 Russian peasant
  - 31 Undefined commune
  - 32 Employed
  - 33 Letter
  - 34 Blossomed
  - 36 Rich source
  - 37 Couched harp
  - 39 Beverage
  - 40 Lees
  - 42 Kind of pool
  - 43 Terminates prematurely
  - 45 Chinese dynasty
  - 46 Boy's catapult
  - 47 FBI agent
  - 48 Specimen
  - 51 Burn with steam
  - 52 City in Minnesota
  - 56 Nimble
  - 57 Intone
  - 58 Trickle as a tear
  - 59 The heart
  - 60 Measuring stick
  - 61 Center of activity
  - 62 Hackneyed
  - 63 Italian lake
  - 64 Wrath
  - 65 City in Vermont
  - 66 Small songbirds
  - 67 City in Italy
  - 68 Made dim
  - 70 Render stable
  - 71 Unruffled
  - 72 Goals
  - 73 Pigeons
  - 74 Soft mineral
  - 75 Unwrought
  - 76 Inkle
  - 78 Levees
  - 79 SRO patron
  - 83 Gasp
  - 84 Number on clockface
  - 86 Burn
  - 87 Noble Italian family
  - 88 Miss Claire
  - 89 Eponymous ancestor of the Hebrews
  - 90 Riding whip
  - 91 Sailor
  - 92 Frog genus
  - 94 Horse provender
  - 95 Biblical name
  - 97 Underdone
  - 98 Redactors
  - 100 Indian's domicile
  - 102 Connected by blood
  - 104 Bring into harmony
  - 105 Atelier item
  - 106 Figures of speech
  - 107 English novelist
  - 108 Attire
  - 109 Irish poet



### DOWN

- 1 Provided food
- 2 Pearl Buck
- 3 Costa del
- 4 Surpasses
- 5 Breaking suddenly
- 6 The face of a cube
- 7 Cunning
- 8 Check
- 9 Noxious
- 10 Gratifying
- 11 Walk with long steps
- 12 Very Fr.
- 13 Trouble
- 14 Wading bird
- 15 Regain
- 16 English statesman
- 19 Della
- 20 Toothed
- 23 Prophets
- 26 Dwarf
- 28 Stranger comb
- 32 Set on end
- 35 To veil
- 36 Word on the wall
- 37 Marsh bird
- 38 Mexican dish
- 39 German city
- 41 Distance measure
- 42 Slope
- 44 To lade
- 46 Frighten
- 47 Coarse hominy
- 48 Tasty
- 49 Greek market
- 50 Certain race
- 51 Fragment
- 52 Pickle
- 53 French school
- 54 Style of type
- 55 Sluggard
- 57 Roman goddess
- 58 Lock of hair
- 61 Treat
- 62 Attempts
- 63 Ring
- 65 Note
- 66 Interlaced
- 67 Dissolve
- 69 English county
- 70 Card game
- 71 River to the Moselle
- 73 Stripped
- 74 Early Boston event
- 76 Sleepie
- 76 Dish with soaked bread
- 77 Silliness
- 78 Obligation
- 79 A in the
- 80 Landed properties
- 81 Gazes
- 82 Biblical name
- 85 Certain contracts
- 86 Baskets for anglers
- 90 Indians
- 90 Unsorted
- 90 wheaten flour
- 94 French river
- 95 Church part
- 96 Withered
- 97 Engrossed
- 99 Umpire's call
- 101 Sense organ
- 103 Worm larva

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# State senators discuss university image, concerns

This is the second installment of a series of interviews with local state senators. With the Unicameral meeting in January, many issues concerning the future of the NU system are bound to be discussed. For the series, the senators were asked their thoughts on certain legislation, the importance of student lobbying groups and how they view UNO and the role it plays in Nebraska.

## Emil Beyer Jr.

By TIM TRUDELL  
Staff Reporter

UNO is not effectively represented by student lobbying groups in the Legislature.

"I hear more from Kearney State (College) and Wayne State (College) students than I do from UNO," said State Sen. Emil Beyer Jr., District No. 3.

"The UNO lobbyist is doing a lot more, though," he said. He "is more active and will get the program turned around," Beyer added.

The student lobby effort, itself, is not consistent, Beyer said.

"There's really only one time I can remember the lobby group having an impact on any legislation," he said. However, Beyer could not recall the specific details of the occasion.

The Nebraska State Student Association (NSSA) and the Council for Community and Legislative Relations (CCLR) do assist the Legislature with some legislation, Beyer said.

UNO's reputation as the "other school" prevents it from getting a fair share, Beyer said. "The Board of Regents doesn't understand the full impact of UNO," he said.

"The university system has always been built around Lincoln," Beyer said.

UNO's reputation is also hurt by the presence of the Metropolitan Technical Community College (Metro Tech) in Omaha, he said. Having a community college in the same area, going after the same students, detracts from UNO being the dominate school in the area, Beyer said.

UNO is fulfilling its academic role as a non-traditional commuter institution, he said.

He said he opposes expanding UNO by building dormitories and developing a more traditional college environment.

"I don't think UNO is set up to be a dormitory college," he said.

Ideas to separate academic programs rather than offer duplicate programs in the university system (such as offering one nursing program and having UNO act primarily as a business college) merit consideration, Beyer said.

"It would be a way to get a bigger bang for the buck," he said.

He "doesn't hear much from UNO students" about issues affecting the school or the Omaha area, Beyer said. "I heard more about UNO while my daughter was going there," he said.

Beyer said he isn't sure about what the government will do to enhance the quality of education in the state in response to Gov. Kay Orr's proclamation that 1988 be the "Year of Education" in Nebraska.

"It all depends on what money will be available," Beyer said.



Beyer

## The Gateway Interview

## Jerry Chizek

By STEVE CHASE  
Staff Reporter

"UNO has been a stepchild to UN-L for too long," State Sen. Jerry Chizek said.

Chizek, who represents District No. 13, said one of the biggest problems UNO has is the loss of teachers because of low salaries.

"If the job is being done like the reports have said, it should be rewarded with a decent salary," Chizek said. "But what we are paying these people we're going to lose, God forbid, the best and brightest."

The senator, who is a member of the Education Committee, said it is quite hard for these teachers to remain when all they have is low pay and high dedication from the student population.

"Dedication is fine, but you can't pay bills with dedication," Chizek said.

Chizek is presently looking over statistics on the faculty incentives UNO received earlier this fall. Although the total is not in, he said the findings should be released early next year.

"I don't object to spending more money," Chizek said, "but we should take a long look at what they do with it."

Some of the aspects Chizek said the state should make use of are technology in communications, central planning and central purchasing.

He also said that he would like to see a "superboard" or a group above the NU Board of Regents.

"We appropriate the money, but we can't tell them how to spend it," he said.

Chizek said he believed groups should be more active in questioning actions of the regents.

"In my opinion, I think students, student lobby groups and parents should hold their (the regent's) feet to the fire on any issue as they would a state senator," Chizek said.

Overall, the senator said he has been a supporter of higher education and feels that the state has the best education that



Chizek

can be provided "with the money available."

In the future, Chizek said he would like to see more interest in the university system other than students and their parents.

"If we are to have a legacy in Nebraska," Chizek said, "let's have it in education."

## Dan Lynch

By TIM TRUDELL  
Staff Reporter

Student lobbying groups are not serving the needs of UNO, according to one state senator.

State Sen. Dan Lynch, District No. 13, said the Nebraska State Student Association (NSSA) and the Council for Community and Legislative Relations (CCLR) representatives are not sure of what they are lobbying for.

"As a whole, student lobbyists don't know what they are lobbying for," Lynch said. "They seem to be uncertain."

Lobbyists impact on legislative decisions in education is minimal, Lynch said.

"I talk with them sometimes," he said. "However, I do not rely on them for information."

"I'm glad to hear from students themselves. I'd much rather talk to students than to lobby groups."

Lynch said he doesn't foresee any legislation directly affecting UNO during the 1988 legislative session, but "you never know when things might change."

Budget cuts at UNO should stop soon, allowing the school to stabilize, he said. "The financial situation at UNO, I imagine, will get better," Lynch said.

UNO's treatment as part of the university system should be fair and equitable, he said. "Both campuses (UNO and UN-L) should be treated equally," Lynch said. "That's not the current situation."

"UNO is part of the university system and is important to Omaha."

One area of equality should be salaries, he said. Faculty and staff members should be paid equitable wages, as long as academic programs do not suffer to make up the difference in salaries, Lynch said.

"Right now, we have more chaos than anything," Lynch said. Depending on what level of education, a person can come into contact with as many as six boards of education in the state's system, he added.

The future looks bright for UNO, Lynch said, "but there are problems."

One problem appears to be Kearney State College. "Kearney wants to become a university," Lynch said. "If they do, then it will create more need for money from the same system."



Lynch

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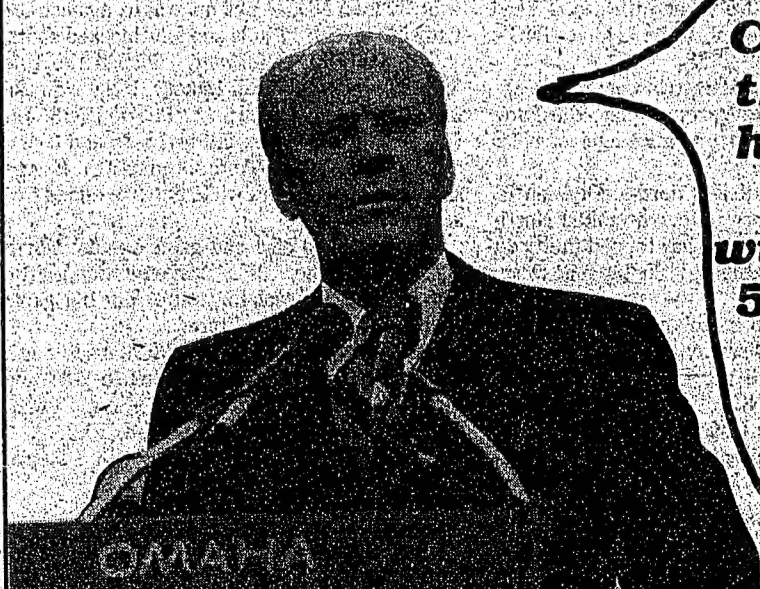
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# Sports

## Mavs mop up Morningside in satisfying football finale

By TERRY O'CONNOR  
Sports Editor

There were backslaps all around after the UNO Mavericks finished resuscitating a football season that went sour with three straight losses to open North Central Conference play.

The Mavs completed the season with a flourish, trouncing Morningside College 32-0 Saturday in Sioux City, Iowa. UNO reeled off five victories in the last six games to fashion a 7-4 record and finish in a three-way tie for fourth in the NCC with a 5-4 league mark.

"It's a credit to our coaching staff and our 17 seniors that we could win five of six games in the best Division II football league in the nation," UNO Coach Sandy Buda said. "After being knocked out of contention for the league title early we could have hung it up and said 'Well, let's just party and not worry about football.' But we finished strong, and I think we're pointed in the right direction for next year."

Buda singled out quarterback Rick Majerus, the Mavs' offensive player of the game, as the primary force behind the late-season resurgence.

"Rick took every snap since the first quarter of the South Dakota game," Buda said. "If I had a vote, I'd vote for Majerus as our offensive player of the year." The Mavs vote among themselves for the award.

Majerus keyed UNO's opening touchdown drive with a 50-yard completion to senior wide receiver Tim Williamson that carried to the Maroon Chiefs' 5-yard line.

The pass was almost broken up by UNO tight end Brad Beckman, said Majerus.

"I was throwing to Williamson, but Beckman dived and tipped the ball," Majerus said. "Tim made a great catch to hold onto the ball."

The ball bounced into the air when Williamson first grabbed it and the junior college transfer from Santa Rosa Junior College in Reno, Nev., made a diving catch to save the reception.

On fourth and goal, freshman LaRon Henderson bulled in from the 1. Ross Els salvaged a poor snap on the PAT by hitting senior halfback Steve Sliva with a pass at the 5, and Sliva cut to the middle of the field for the two-point conversion to give UNO an 8-0 lead.

Final NCC Standings			
W	L	T	Overall
Mankato State	8	1	0 9 2 0
North Dakota State	6	3	0 6 4 0
South Dakota	5	4	0 5 4 0
St. Cloud State	6	3	0 7 4 0
UNO	5	4	0 7 4 0
North Dakota	5	4	0 6 4 0
South Dakota State	4	5	0 5 5 0
Morningside	3	6	0 4 6 0
Northern Colorado	2	7	0 3 8 0
Augustana	1	8	0 2 9 0

All-NCC safety Eric Robinson helped break the game open with an interception, his fifth of the season, 3:37 before halftime. Jeff Podraza capped UNO's 22-yard drive for the TD with a 6-yard run. Podraza later closed scoring with his second touchdown run, a 3-yarder.

Freshman kicker John Bonacci booted the Mavs into an 18-0 lead with a 25-yard field goal just before the half ended.

Bonacci set a UNO school record after connecting on three conversions to finish the year with a 27-of-27 mark. Bonacci fell four short of former All-NCC kicker Greg Morris' 31 PATs in a season, but he replaced Morris as the season percentage leader. Morris hit all eight of his attempts last year.

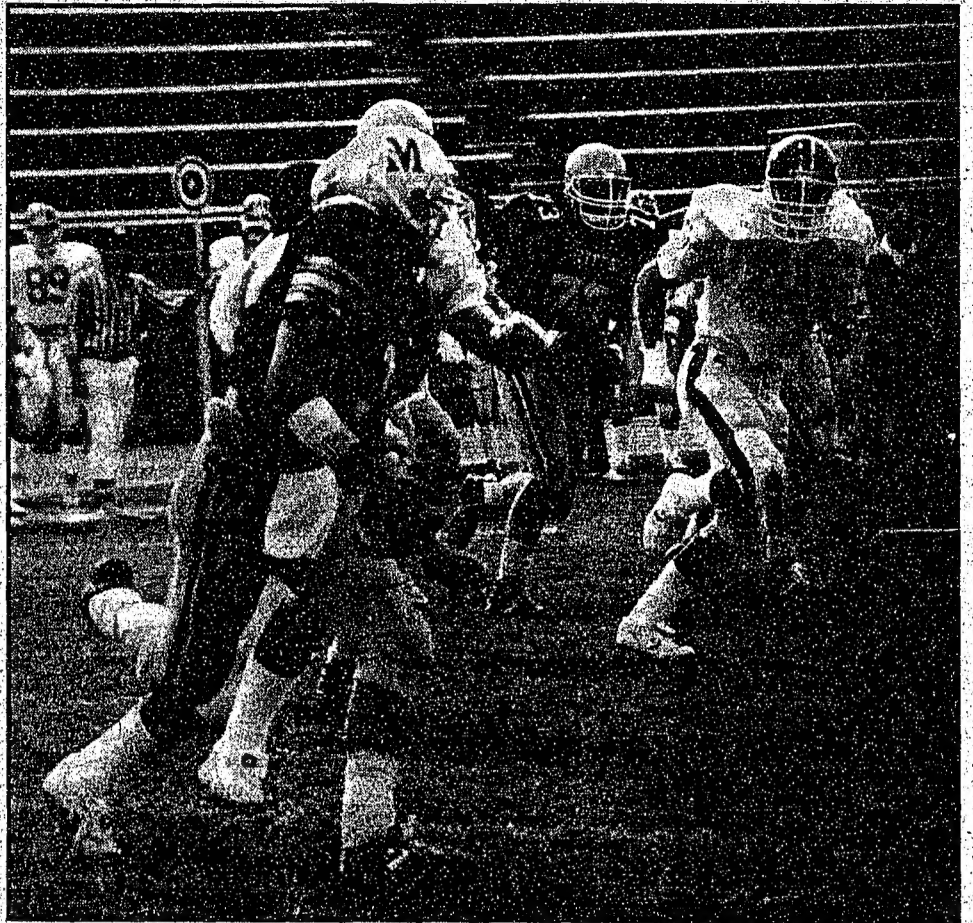
When Majerus connected with Beckman for a 41-yard TD pass on UNO's first drive after intermission, the Mavs' reserves started getting playing time, but the level of defensive dominance didn't drop off, Buda said.

"It's a big accomplishment to get our fourth shutout of the year," Buda said. "It's like scoring 40 points on offense."

"And we did it playing everybody," Buda said. "We didn't have to put the one's back in to do it."

Majerus was one first-stringer who continued to play. UNO wanted to redshirt its two freshman quarterbacks, Paul Cech and Dan Selton, and with Todd Sadler out with a knee injury there was no one to spell the veteran.

"I thought I had something to prove this year," Majerus said. "I've been pulled, and I've played poorly but after this year, I think I proved Rick Majerus can play quarterback."



—Dale Bottum

Mike Zeplin, No. 40, UNO's defensive player of the game against Morningside, closes in on quarterback Mike McCune, with ball.

Majerus dragged a career 37 percent completion rate into this season and didn't figure to play much as Sadler's backup. But when Sadler went down in UNO's third game of the season, Majerus responded with the finest year of his UNO career.

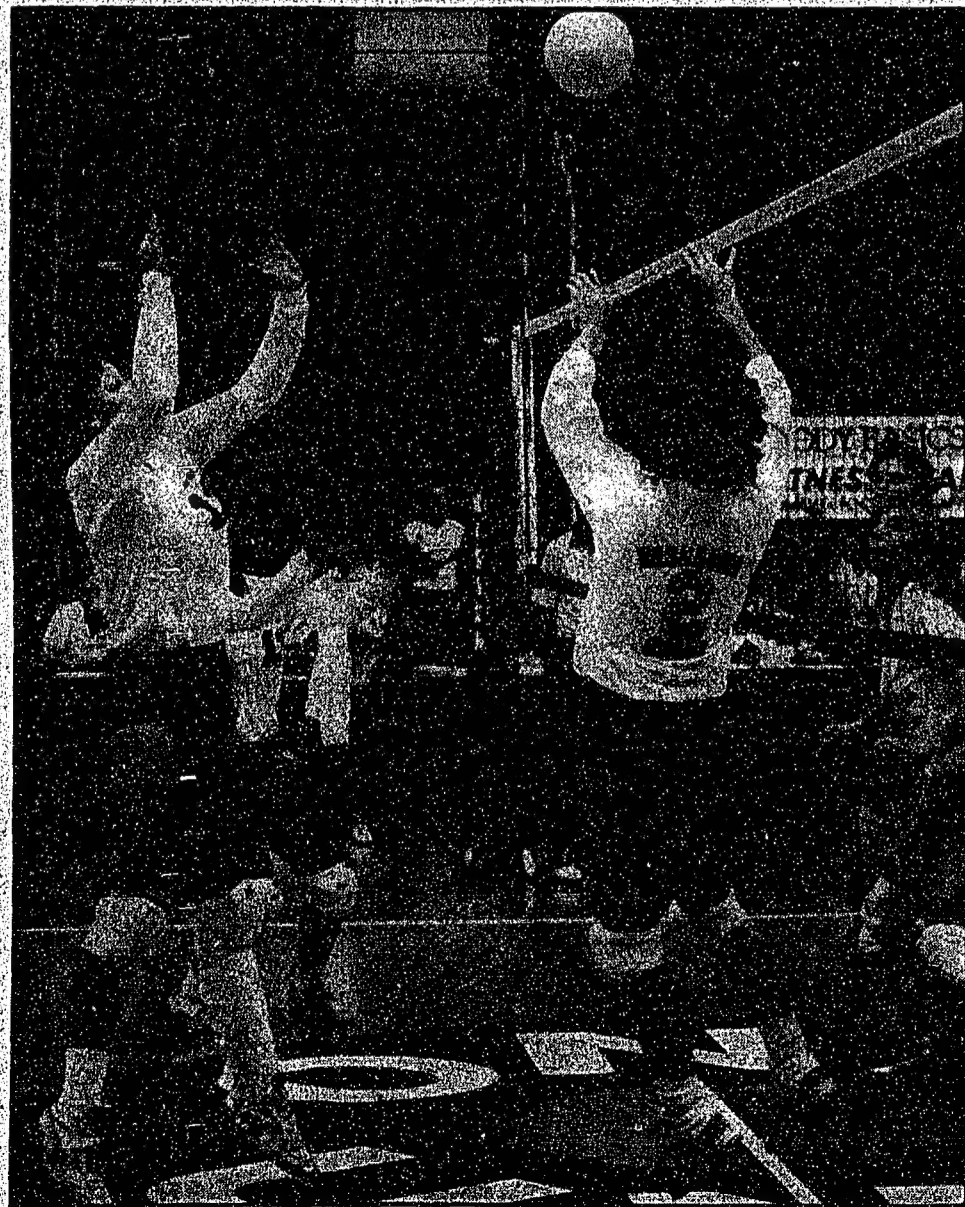
"I really have to thank my wife and mother for keeping me from quitting," Majerus said. "When (former UNO offensive coordinator) Chuck Osberg left my freshman year, I was ready to go home. But my mom talked me out

of it."

The Cedar Falls, Iowa, native married former UNO All-American volleyball star Allie Nuzum this summer, and her athletic background kept the quarterback from calling it a career, Majerus said.

"She knows both sides of the ball," Majerus said. "If I had a bad day at practice, I'd come home, and she'd help me put it behind me. I

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Darla Melcher, No. 2, sets up UNO All-American Ruth Evans, left, in a game against overmatched South Dakota. —Akito Kizaki

## Record 5th straight time Lady Mavs clinch NCC

By MARK HAGGAR  
Staff Reporter

The UNO Lady Mavs continued their dominance of the North Central Conference by sweeping to an unprecedented fifth straight league title last weekend.

UNO, 29-5, finished NCC play with a 7-0 record after wins last week over South Dakota, North Dakota State and North Dakota.

The Lady Mavs also earned the No. 1 seed for the NCC tournament, to be held at UNO's Fieldhouse Nov. 22 and 23.

UNO has toppled 21 straight conference opponents. Including tournament play, the Lady Mavs boast 35 straight victories against NCC rivals.

The Lady Mavs, ranked third in Division II, continue to be a thorn in fourth-ranked North Dakota State's side. UNO has topped the Lady Bison 15 straight matches, including four times this season.

In what proved to be the conference championship, the Lady Mavs downed the Lady Bison 14-16, 15-9, 16-14, 15-7. NDSU, 40-6, finished 6-1 in the NCC.

"If we just play a halfway decent game, we will win the conference tournament," UNO senior captain Darla Melcher said. "We beat

North Dakota State four times this year, and that's who we will probably have to play in the championship game of the tournament."

Melcher had 48 set assists, seven kills, one service ace and one block in the victory against the Lady Bison.

UNO senior Lori Schutte's 19 kills led UNO as did her .459 hitting percentage. Schutte added three service aces and two blocked shots.

Lady Bison All-American Janef Cobb, however, helped NDSU put up a fight against the Lady Mavs with 17 kills and four blocked shots.

The Lady Mavs formally clinched the title Saturday against North Dakota. UNO won the match in four games 15-11, 11-15, 15-13, 15-7. The Fighting Sioux fell to 18-25 and 3-4.

Lady Mavs All-American Ruth Evans slammed 16 kill shots while Schutte added five service aces.

"We had kind of a bad game against North Dakota," Melcher said. "Maybe it was a little bit of a mental breakdown after our big game against North Dakota State."

Last Wednesday, the Lady Mavs made quick work of South Dakota, which fell to 7-27 and 0-5. UNO destroyed the Coyotes in a 45-minute, three-game match 15-6, 15-3, 15-2.

Evans highlighted the match with 10 kills, six blocks and four service aces.

## Hildebrandt paces No. 1 Mavs

By STEVE COZAD  
Staff Reporter

Brad Hildebrandt, UNO's team captain, successfully defended his title for the top-ranked UNO Maverick wrestlers at the Central Missouri State University Open Sat-

urday.

No team scoring was kept in the all-day meet at Warrensburg, Mo.

Hildebrandt, a senior All-American, went 5-0 to win the 158-pound class. Hildebrandt

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wouldn't forget what happened, but she made it easier to take.

Majerus improved his career statistics with a .519 completion rate this year, tossing five TD passes and seven interceptions and gaining 1,159 yards via the air.

"The people that helped me improve were my wide receivers," Majerus said. "They caught some tough ones this year that they didn't hang on to last season."

Majerus said defeating defending national champion North Dakota State and a road win over North Dakota this season were memorable, but after he had taken his last snap as UNO's quarterback, he said he realized true satisfaction.

"I got the best feeling walking off the field after this game," Majerus said. "It left a good taste in my mouth. I knew it would be the last time I ever pulled on the pads with our 17 seniors. I won't remember the bad times, I'll just remember the way we pulled together and saved this year."

**Mav Notes:** Halfback Rick Gales was UNO's leading rusher with 85 yards on 20 carries. Gales also had a 78-yard touchdown run called back after a clipping penalty. The junior halfback broke several tackles on the play.

"I asked him after that run if he had a concussion," UNO Coach Sandy Buda said. "Because every time he makes a run like that he doesn't remember it."

Gales broke five tackles and gained 30 yards on a similar play against North Dakota, but he didn't remember it because he had suffered a concussion earlier.

More Gales: "Rick Gales is a very good back," Buda said. "But because LaRon Henderson had a very good year, he kind of got pushed by the wayside. We can't let that happen."

Henderson finished as the Mavs leading rusher (795 yards), leading scorer (nine touchdowns), and he also had the season's longest run (85 yards) and the best average per carry (6.3 yards).

The Mavs, who relied on the wishbone in

short-yardage situations this year, will use it anywhere on the field next season.

"We want to get Henderson, Gales and Jeff Podraza in the game at the same time," Buda said.

"Plus we've got Todd Sadler, Dan Sellon and Paul Cech to quarterback. We probably wouldn't use it as much if we had just one quarterback."

While Buda said he would cast a vote for Rick Majerus as the Mavs' offensive player of the year if he could, the choice for top defender wasn't so clear.

"Mike Zeplin, Eric Robinson and Scott Johnson all played extremely well for us," Buda said. "Shawn Sich and Tom Hoffman were very consistent. It would be tough to choose among those guys."

The Mavs played their most dominant game in the North Central Conference against Morningside. They had a total offense edge of 374 yards to 171 for the Chiefs and a time of possession bulge of 36:15 to 23:45. The 32-0 margin was also their biggest in league play.

Buda has issued his annual call for walk-ons. "Anybody interested in walking on for football," Buda said, "should enroll in advanced weight training. That's just for their own safety. It will build up your strength and cardiovascular system."

Buda said the course has another desired benefit.

"It weeds out the people that think they can just walk out on the field and play," Buda said. "You have to have a real commitment to play and this indicates to me whether a player has that desire."

Potential players that fail to enroll in the class will not be allowed to walk on during spring practice in March, said Buda.

Buda said this year's freshman class lived up to its strong billing.

"Kirk Coleman, Joel Claussen, Matt Morgan, Tom Scheppers and LaRon Henderson all played very well for us," Buda said. "Their contributions were a pleasant surprise."



Akitoishi Kizaki

The UNO seniors, front row from left: Ross Els, No. 7; Scott Robertson, No. 27; Shawn Sich, No. 28; Mike Schultz, No. 46; Tim Williamson, No. 9; Tom Hoffman, No. 21. Back row from left: Steve Belton, No. 2; Tim Messman, No. 77; Rob Shaw, No. 55; Ron Meister, No. 72; Gerg Eversoll, No. 95; Jon Englehardt, No. 79; Jim Paprocki, No. 69; Scott Johnson, No. 96; Steve Sliva, No. 44; Tim Krof, No. 83; and Rick Majerus, No. 11. Brad Beckman not pictured.

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## Baseball team trimmed to 19

By SCOTT NICHOLSON  
Staff Reporter

The UNO Maverick baseball team finished its fall season recently and will hang up its spikes until Jan. 11 when practice for the spring season starts.

At the close of practice Oct. 29, UNO Coach Bob Gates trimmed his squad to 19 players after starting with approximately 40.

Gates said last year he didn't cut anyone in the fall and kept 34 players, but that number proved to be unwieldy.

This year he said if he didn't think a player could help the team, he let him go. By doing this Gates was able to make it easier to run practice and give more individual instruction.

Gates had the Mavericks scrimmaging with schools from around the area and playing intrasquad scrimmages.

Gates uses the fall games to evaluate his team and see how the younger players respond to game-type conditions at the college level.

"I was pleased with fall practice," Gates said. "We need to improve our pitching, but overall we improved as a team as the fall went on. That is what fall practice is for."

Gates is hoping that his team will be able to stay academically eligible and healthy since he isn't carrying a lot of backups on the squad.

If he loses a player, Gates said it is possible he may have to ask some people to return. But at this time he doesn't feel there will be a problem.

"As long as we have 15 or 16 players I think we'll be all right," Gates said.

"There is a possibility that there may be

some new people coming in at semester," Gates said. "There are some football players who might play, and I talked to some other people who may come in to school, but there is nothing definite."

Steve Fike, the Mavs' prize freshman recruit from Papillion, left the team for personal reasons, Gates said. Fike reportedly suffered from "baseball burnout" after playing extensively in the summer.

When spring drills commence, Gates said the Mavericks will work on the fundamentals of the game: hitting, fielding, throwing and conditioning.

"During the fall we try and play as much as we can," Gates said. "As long as the weather is nice I like to see the guys playing."

"When the weather gets cold and we're inside, that's when we work on our technique."

Gates said he always hopes for a break in the weather to allow his players to practice outside on Caniglia Field.

"You learn the game by playing," Gates said. Gates said the future of UNO baseball, which bordered on extinction in 1985 due to budget cuts in the athletic department, is looking pretty good.

"Right now I feel the program is steady," Gates said. "We are raising money and the College World Series has been great." The CWS has donated \$30,000 to UNO to keep the baseball program alive.

Money also has been raised through jogathons and donations. The sale of pickle cards is also expected to augment the program.

The 1988 version of the Mavs open up the season March 8 against UN-L.

## 'Dream' gives nightmares Mavs handle alumni test



—Gateway file photo

Dean "The Dream" Thompson, No. 15, revived memories with 50 points in the UNO Alumni scrimmage.

The 1987 Mavericks flashed their new up-tempo brand of basketball in a 118-95 win over the UNO alumni Saturday before 400 fans at the Fieldhouse.

Dean "The Dream" Thompson, the Mavs all-time leading scorer, fired in 50 points in a losing cause.

"We played the alumni as well as we ever have," UNO Coach Bob Hanson said. "I think this game shows we can do better with good balance and shot selection."

Tom Thompson, Dean's brother, led the Mavs varsity team with 31 points and nine rebounds. Bryan Leach added 21 and Earnest Farley came off the bench to hit six of seven shots, scoring 17 points and grabbing seven rebounds.

"We need to improve our defensive intensity," Hanson said, "and helping out and checking off on the boards."

Hanson held out projected starter Dan Olson with a bruised leg and Reggie Mahone with an injured knee.

"Hopefully Olson will be ready for the Kearney State game Friday," Hanson said. "I'm not sure how long Mahone will be out."

The varsity hit 59.7 percent of its shots while holding the alumni to 44 percent. The Mavs had six players in double figures in scoring while just Thompson and Greg Brady, with 16, broke single digits for the alumni.

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was the only champion for the Mavericks.

Three-time All-American R.J. Nebe, a senior, placed second at 177 with a 5-1 record.

Senior Jeff Randall (167) and junior heavyweight Clark Schnepel, both All-Americans, finished third with 5-1 records.

Juniors Ryan Menard (118) and Larry Thompson (150), were the only other Mavs to place in the top three. Both finished third with 5-1 records.

UNO's other All-American, senior Dave

Pippin, split four matches and placed fifth at 190.

Others placing for the Mavs: senior 126-pounder Bobby Thompson, 4-1, fifth; junior 134-pounder Ronnie Higdon, 6-2, fourth; sophomore Jack Gilvin 3-3, sixth; and Terry Wilson, 3-3, sixth.

The Mavs had 21 wrestlers in competition at the CMSU Open.

The Mavs will play host to the largest college wrestling meet in the nation, Saturday Nov. 14 in the UNO Open.

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